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## REMARKS

Claims 2-13, 15, 17 and 21 are pending. Claims 1-7, 11, 14, 16, and 18-21 are cancelled. Claims 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17 are amended. New claims 22-25 are added.

The Patent Office indicated that claims 8–10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 21 and intervening claims 3 and 6. Claim 9 depends from allowable claim 8. Claims 12, 13, 15, and 17 are rewritten to depend from allowable claim 8. New claims 22-25 depend from allowable claim 10.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

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